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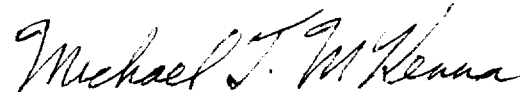
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"Mc Kenna" also endorses this idea as a means to meet all requested allotments. "Mc Kenna" however believes that the counter-proposal at Hayfork is flawed and that the Commission should dismiss or reject the proposal outright. If the Commission deems that Hayfork should be considered, "Mc Kenna" suggests placing Hayfork and Garberville/Hydesville on a new Public Notice were the conflicting allocations can be considered. The allocation of 241 A at Shingletown and 231 C-3 at Dunsmuir need not be held up by the counter-proposal at Hayfork. The allocations at Dunsmuir and Shingletown would no longer be mutually exclusive to Hayfork and the allocations meet all of the Commissions' Rules and Regulations. In conclusion, Mc Kenna requests that the Commission allocate channel 241 A at Shingletown and channel 231 C-3 at Dunsmuir, California.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Mc Kenna", written in a cursive style.

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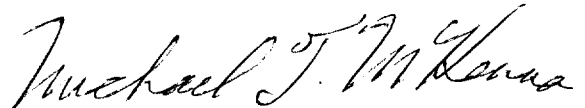
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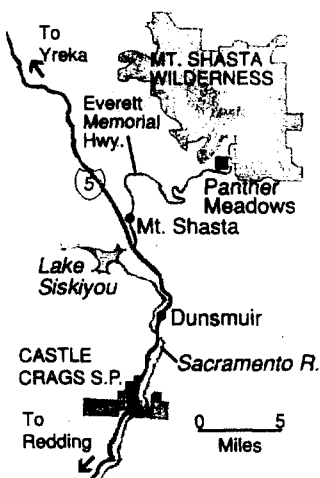
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The upper Sac is back on track

Restoration of a river, mountain meadows, and a railroad town has revived tourism



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CASTING DRY FLIES for rainbow trout, these anglers waded into the Cantara Loop section of the upper Sacramento.

rainbows) and its many trophy-sized specimens (14 inches and up).

The spill was devastating, according to Steve Turek of the California Department of Fish and Game, who led the aquatic team for the spill recovery effort. Turek estimates that the chemicals killed 265,000 trout, along with about 700,000 riffle sculpin, a fish eaten by predators such as trout. But trout numbers are recovering. Snorkeling surveys showed 400 to 600 trout per mile in the river in 1992, and 1,200 trout per mile by 1993. "We expect those numbers to double again for 1994," says Turek.

New regulations allow catch-and-release trout fishing using artificial lures with barbless hooks from Box Canyon Dam downstream to Lake Shasta. Within that range, on a 6-mile stretch of river flowing through Dunsmuir, hatchery-reared trout are released throughout fishing season (April 30 through November 15); regulations allow fishing on this signed stretch using bait with barbless hooks, or artificial lures and flies, and a take of five fish per day.

What will fishing the upper Sacramento River be like? Tom Hesseldenz, president of California Trout, Inc., believes that though the river isn't fully recovered, there are enough fish for anglers to have a good experience. Surveys done last fall indicated that there are also enough trophy-sized trout in the river (officials think they migrated up from Lake Shasta and downstream from above the spill site) to offer anglers some excitement.

Fishing access in the Dunsmuir area includes a great spot right in town: City Park, off Dunsmuir Avenue. Elsewhere on the river, you might

THREE YEARS AGO, toxic chemicals spilled from an overturned railroad tanker into the upper Sacramento River, killing nearly all aquatic life downstream for about 37 miles. Besides damaging a stretch of California's largest river, the accident also dealt a major blow to the tourism-dependent businesses in the Dunsmuir-Mount Shasta area, off Interstate 5 about an hour's drive south of the Oregon border.

That spill left a blot on tourists' mental map of the region. They seemed to ignore the area's many other clean mountain streams, its pristine parks, its wild backcountry,

even the attractions of postcard-pretty Mount Shasta. Anglers especially stayed away in droves, since the entire upper Sacramento from below Siskiyou Lake south to Shasta Lake (and all tributaries) was closed to fishing.

All that is in the past. A school of fisheries experts attacked the problem of bringing back fish populations, with dramatic results: trout fishing reopened this spring on the upper Sacramento. Other restorations carried out elsewhere in the area add more reasons to revisit this beautiful part of Northern California.

THE FISHING REPORT

Before the spill, the upper Sacramento River was considered an excellent trout stream because of its sheer abundance of fish (7,200 to 8,000 trout per mile of river, mostly

RESTORED BRICK BUILDINGS on Dunsmuir's Sacramento Avenue house lively businesses like this art gallery.

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try Sims Flat Campground, off Interstate 5 about 12 miles south of Dunsmuir in Shasta-Trinity National Forest. It features a new wheelchair-accessible nature trail along the river that ends at a lovely secluded fishing hole. Castle Crags State Park, 4 miles south of Dunsmuir (take the Castella exit off I-5 and follow signs), has about 2 miles of river access; anglers like spots off the River Trail, especially where Soda Creek joins the river.

ON AND AROUND

THE MOUNTAIN

Up on the shoulders of Mount Shasta, where the headwaters of the Sacramento River originate, more restoration has been undertaken—necessitated not by a toxic spill but by excessive foot traffic that has damaged fragile vegetation. To revegetate two major alpine meadows, rangers with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest first built a small nursery for propagating the delicate plants, then launched an ongoing replanting effort.

You can hike out for a look at the restoration work on the Lower Panther Meadows/Grey Butte Trail, a moderate 2.8-mile round-trip route. To get to the trailhead from Rockfellow Drive in the city of Mount Shasta, drive up Everett Memorial Highway about 13 miles to Panther Meadows Campground's lower parking lot. From the trailhead, hike ¼ mile to a meadow sign, then follow the clearly marked trail across the meadow past laurel, sedge, heather, and Indian paintbrush, rockhopping across small rivulets. Follow designated paths to avoid damaging the meadow. Grey Butte Trail veers to the right, up to a wilderness permit kiosk (a permit isn't required for day hikes), then climbs through old-growth mountain hemlock. Spectacular views of the Siskiyou, Trinity Alps, and Castle Crags reward hikers who press on a little less than ¼ mile to the butte's 8,119-foot summit.

Forest Service rangers lead new guided nature hikes Thursday through Monday at 10 starting from Mount Shasta Ski Park. From State Highway 89, take Ski Park Highway to the south side of the mountain. Ski Park charges \$8, \$5 ages 12 and under. To confirm hike times, call (916) 926-4511.

BASE CAMP: DUNSMUIR OR MOUNT SHASTA CITY?

Once known as Pusher because railroad engines had to push trains over a mountain grade north of town, the tiny town of Dunsmuir still wears its railroading heritage proudly. Its business district grew up along Sacramento Avenue across from the train station, still an active Amtrak stop. The street's handsome turn-of-the-century brick buildings were recently spruced up in a concerted effort by local merchants and now shelter a coffeehouse and art galleries. At several locations throughout town, you can pick up free copies of a new self-guided Dunsmuir walking tour. At the Brown Trout Gallery (5841 Sacramento) you can see wildlife art and a creek flowing through one of the gallery rooms.

Dunsmuir also has a host of small motels. At the Railroad Park Resort (100 Railroad Park Road; 916/235-4440 or 800/974-7245), you can stay in one of the 23 converted cabooses or a remodeled boxcar. Rates range from \$65 to \$85 per night.

The city of Mount Shasta has a wider range of lodging and some of the best restaurants in the area. The luxurious Mount Shasta Resort (1000 Siskiyou Lake Boulevard; 916/926-3030) has attractive chalet-type cabins (\$100 to \$155), some with views of Shasta's snowy peak. Its outstanding Highland House restaurant also boasts great views of Mount Shasta and Black Butte.

For a complete list of motels, inns, and lodges, write or call the Mount Shasta Visitors' Bureau, 300 Pine St., Box 273, Mount Shasta, Calif. 96067; (916) 926-2865 or (800) 926-4865. Or write or call the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, Box 17, Dunsmuir 96025; (916) 235-2177.

Castle Crags State Park has 88 campsites (\$14 per night), but they book up early; for reservations, call Mistix at (800) 444-7275. Lake Siskiyou Camp Resort, near the city of Mount Shasta, has 363 campsites (\$13 tents, \$17 full hookup); \$1 per-person day-use fee provides access to picnic sites, boat rentals, and a swimming beach with smashing views of the mountain. To reserve, call (916) 926-2618. ■

By Lora J. Finnegan